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Tourist centre likely to close

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Staff Reporter

Haliburton County will likely be closing its tourist information centre on Highway 35. It's just a matter of when.

Members of the county's tourism committee received a report on the future of the centre from tourism director Amanda Virtanen during a Jan. 13 committee meeting.

The county has leased the building, which is owned by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and located along the highway in Minden, for several years.

Its future has been discussed in recent years, alternatives including an offer from the Haliburton Forest of a log building. However, that option would have required the purchase of property. While the Highway 35 property that houses the county's EMS base was considered, it was determined the location was not suitable.

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Hawk attack

The Red Hawks senior power Emma Scheffee leaps in the air to spike a ball against the I.E. Weldon Wildcats during Kawartha West Senior Girls League action on Thursday, Jan. 14 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton. The Hawks lost both sets (18-25 and 11-25) against the Wildcats, but split their two-set match with Brock (25-19 and 19-25), who blanked the Wildcats (26-24 and 26-24). / DARREN LUM Staff

Fish hatchery funding question back on table

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

It was a familiar discussion.

Haliburton County councillors are torn on how to handle a grant request from the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, which operates the Haliburton fish hatchery.

Members of the county's tourism committee discussed the association's request for a

\$10,000 grant for 2016 during a Jan. 13 meeting.

For years the municipality has provided funding to the hatchery, which stocks Haliburton County's lakes with thousands of trout and walleye each year.

At one time, the county funded the HHOA at \$20,000 per annum, but in 2013, noting financial pressures, county councillors voted to stop giving direct cash infusions to community groups.

However, since some county

councillors felt the hatchery provided a function essential to area's tourism economy, the HHOA has continued to receive funding at \$10,000 a year, with the file being moved under the purview of the tourism department.

For 2015, as a condition of the funding, the HHOA was to meet a number of requirements.

"As part of the approval process for the 2015 grant request from HHOA, the tourism com-

mittee made it clear that the HHOA was to work closely with the tourism department throughout the year to ensure that there was communication regarding marketing activities and that HHOA was to reach out to the tourism department to ensure we were in the loop on planned activities and marketing initiatives," read a report from county tourism director Amanda

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One-third of visitors looking for restroom

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Options in the report received Wednesday included carrying on with the status quo, seeking a new location within the next year or calling it quits with the information centre as of May 1, moving the county's tourist information clerk to the municipality's office building on Newcastle Street.

The centre is used by visitors to get directions and pick up maps and brochures.

Foot traffic at the centre has dropped, Virtanen said at least partially due to the public's ability to find tourism information online.

Last year there were 3,700 visitors to the building, 30 per cent of whom Virtanen said were there solely to use the washroom.

The cost to operate the facility – exclusive of the salary of the tourism information clerk – was approximately \$61,200. That included the wages of summer students, the lease and other operating costs.

Excluding the visitors who came just to use the washroom, Virtanen said this meant the cost for each customer engagement at the centre last year was \$23.58, versus the .0003 cent per customer cost of each digital consumer impression the county makes online.

"Would we ever spend \$62,000 on an ad that reaches 3,000 people?" Virtanen put it to committee members.

Noting that other small communities have been closing visitor information centres, Virtanen said distribution of guides and maps could be done out of the county office, as well as the county's library branches.

She said the county's Haliburton Highlands Roots clothing line is already sold on the Internet and could also be sold at locations of partner businesses and organizations throughout the county.

Virtanen noted that part of her department's mandate is to "create demand for the Haliburton Highlands" and that people who do enter the info centre are here already.

Most councillors seemed supportive of closing the centre.

"Certainly, I think we're moving into the 21st century,"

said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, noting that most people now do their travel research online and that people who enter the centre are already in the community. "It's just not serving its purpose anymore."

Fearrey said an elaborate visitors' centre, if it was feasible, would be another matter, but he didn't see much point in keeping the small facility open.

"You're becoming a victim of your own success," Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin told Virtanen, indicating the digital shift the county has taken since she came on board nearly three years ago meant that fewer people had use for the centre.

Like many, Devolin said he now finds all the travel and tourist information he requires while travelling online.

"I don't go in to any of those kiosks," Devolin said. It was the same story for Algonquin Highlands Reeve and County Warden Carol Moffatt.

"Anymore, I don't go into them," she said.

Moffatt did note, however, that the county needed to be careful not to alienate seniors who may not be computer-savvy and noted that the county building does not provide ample parking.

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge said when she is travelling, "The only reason I use the visitor centre is for the washroom."

"Tim Hortons are everywhere," Fearrey said.

"I travel extensively and I use them all the time," said committee member Bruce Ballentine, who stressed that people at least needed a kiosk where they could pick up information.

Devolin suggested having self-serve kiosks along highways, although Moffatt pointed out such kiosks were once operated by the now-defunct Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network.

Moffatt said the concept was outdated and stressed that even self-serve kiosks required staff to stock them with material. She noted they are also susceptible to vandalism.

Ultimately, the committee voted to forgo any recommendation and defer the conversation to a full meeting of county council Jan. 27.

School board brings in mediator

Following months of unsuccessful meetings, the Trillium Lakelands District School Board has called in a mediator to assist with contract negotiations between the board and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation Local District 15 and the Professional Student Services Personnel.

A media release issued by TLDSB on Jan. 14 states that if mediation is not successful, the board will be requesting arbitration.

The board has asked the Ministry of Labour to appoint a mediator to assist the parties in negotiating a local agreement, says the release.

"We wanted and requested the mediation as their actions are starting to interfere with our student learning and school programming and if we're unsuccessful with the mediation we will be requesting arbitration," said

Louise Clodd, TLDSB board chairwoman.

President of the OSSTF local bargaining unit Colin Matthew says bringing in a mediator is not uncommon practice with labour negotiations and can help bring a fresh perspective to the process.

"The mediator is helpful because it sort of helps to remove the personalities and lets the parties focus on the issues on the table," he said.

Mediation is scheduled for Jan. 25 for the PSSP negotiations and Feb. 4-5 for the OSSTF negotiations, according to the school board. The PSSP represents social workers, speech language pathologists, program officers, etc.

Secondary school teachers have been engaging in strike action since Nov. 4, 2015, withdrawing administrative services such as staff meetings, said Matthew.

"We spent quite a bit of time thinking about those sanctions," he said. "It's really tough at the teachers' union because certainly our last hope is to have an impact on students but to say we can do anything without impacting students is probably untrue."

If mediation is not successful, the local bargaining unit will be looking at escalating strike action, he said.

Negotiations have been difficult thus far, said the union president, pointing to the new two-tier bargaining structure, which was brought in by the Liberal government.

The structure mandates that school board must have a central component to their central agreement, as well as local negotiations.

"In preparation for that we identified what we thought were some key local issues," Matthew said.

Key issues include fairness, compassion and equity, specifically with teacher evaluations, taking personal days, and language in the collective agreement as it relates to occasional teachers.

TLDSB last met with OSSTF representatives on Nov. 3, 2015 and PSSP representatives on Dec. 17, 2015.

The last contract for OSSTF and PSSP expired on Aug. 31, 2014, said Clodd.

"We have been open for negotiations since the contract ended, we've been prepared to sit down with the unions since then. We've had several meetings but they've not been productive," she said.

-Angelica Ingram

Man injured in snowmobile crash

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police is investigating a single snowmobile collision that occurred on Sunday close to 1:30 p.m. on Nomad Road in Dysart et al.

The OPP, the Dysart et al Fire Department and the Haliburton County Paramedic Service arrived on the scene where a 41-year-old Dysart resident sustained serious injuries.

He was transported to Haliburton Hospital by paramedics and then later airlifted to a Toronto hospital.

Hatchery funding continues to perplex council

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Virtanen. "During the 2015 marketing year, the tourism department promoted HHOA via social media channels however, there was no contact made by the HHOA, and in order to promote HHOA activities, the tourism department had to actively seek out information on events and programs."

It was Virtanen's recommendation that if council chose to support the hatchery again in 2016, that a formalized process be established through which the HHOA would provide proactive updates to the department.

Virtanen also noted that the \$10,000 request had not been included in her draft budget and that if council chose to grant the request, money would have to be added to the draft budget or reallocated from other projects.

"I think this is another one of these very tender conversations," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve and County Warden Carol Moffatt. "It's about . . . the equitable application of process. There's all kinds of organizations that we will not fund that also contribute greatly to our community."

Moffatt pointed to local studio tours, for example, which attract many people to the county and reiterated that other organizations that once relied on county funding had been weaned off.

"The outdoors association remains," she said.

"They're not like all the other organizations," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. "They have a physical structure to maintain. It's a physical building and it's got costs."

The hatchery building is located along County Road 1 just outside Haliburton Village.

Fearrey pointed to the high cost of electricity as well as the fact the HHOA has lost significant provincial funding in recent years.

Stressing the HHOA stocks lakes at a level of about 30,000 a year, Fearrey said he didn't want to cut the association off cold-turkey and recommended that funding be gradually decreased.

Committee member Bruce Ballentine said he saw the situation not as a county issue, but one for the lower-tier townships.

"I see it as a municipal expense," Ballentine said, adding the association stocks lakes throughout the county and suggesting that each of the four lower tiers contribute \$2,500 toward the operation of the hatchery.

"Dysart does write off their taxes, so we're trying to help," Fearrey said.

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge thought that if funding was going to continue, the HHOA would have to come through on deliverables.

"If we agree to continue to fund them in any amount, we have to have milestones," Partridge said.

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin agreed with Fearrey that funding should be reduced gradually.

"Reduce it over time, wean them off," Devolin said.

"We already did that and they got a reprieve," Moffatt said.

It was agreed that Moffatt and Virtanen would meet with HHOA reps and the issue would come back to the table at a Jan. 27 county council meeting.



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HHSS students take top spots at art show

JENN WATT

Editor

Four local student artists were honoured at a recent art show in Bancroft.

Ariel Weiss, Naomi Russell, Christina Stephen and Brynn Meyers were amongst the winners at this year's Michal Manson Juried Art Show.

Entries were allowed from Bancroft, Barry's Bay, Haliburton and Madoc schools along with home-schooled students.

Karen Gervais, head of the art department at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, said the show offers the students additional exposure for their work and a chance to receive useful feedback.

"It's a great chance to show their work outside of the school community," Gervais said, noting that being part of an art show looks good on a resume as well.

Winning students have been invited to have lunch with this year's juror, Diane Woodward, a Madoc-based artist.

Naomi Russell, 18, of Gelert took first prize in the mixed media category for her work *Letting Go*, which she created last year.

"I was in Grade 12 and I didn't know what I wanted to do with my life," Russell says. "I was letting go of the past and grabbing the future."

The piece features three eyes looking out from a green background. A girl holds a balloon as three balloons float into the air. In the bottom right corner dandelions release their seeds, which float into the air.

"Eyes and colour and weirdness draw you across the room then reward you with well-painted and interesting detail," Woodward wrote of Russell's work. "Lots going on, but narrative does not overwhelm the painting."

The piece took about a week to paint. Russell says she intends to continue studying art; she has applications in at the University of Guelph and OCAD in Toronto.

Minden student Ariel Weiss, 17, took home first place in the drawing category with her work, *40 Things*.

"It's black and white conté drawing



Student artists from left, Ariel Weiss, Brynn Meyers and Naomi Russell along with colleague Christina Stephen (not pictured), received honours at the Michal Manson Juried Art Show in Bancroft recently. Their works will be on display at the Art Gallery of Bancroft until Jan. 30. JENN WATT Staff

that's made up of two different images cut into strips and weaved together. The first image is the cover of the book *40 Things I Want to Tell You* and the second image is a picture of a hand writing the 40th thing that she wants to tell the person," Ariel says.

The work was created as a class art project at HHSS.

Weiss says she intends to study art after high school with the intention of working at a gallery or museum.

"I've always been interested in art. I thought about different career opportunities," she says, including incorporating her love of reading or skating, but in the end art won out.

Woodward described Ariel's work as having "longing and mystery," being "intelligent without being heavy-handed" and having "good juxtaposition of bold black geometric with feathery black and

white on light detail."

Christina Stephen took second place in the drawing category for *The Hiker*, which Woodward said "has a sense of adventure." The juror said Christina "took some chances on composition that paid off."

Honourable mention in the drawing category went to Haliburton's Brynn Meyers, 17, whose self portrait examined the opposing sides of her personality.

"It's a self-portrait of the two sides of me. Half of it is my gritty side, my more intense side, which is the hockey, where I get all my anger out. The other side is my more graceful ... side of dance," says Brynn, who has been a hockey player and dancer since she was three years old.

"I just thought it would be cool to contrast them and show how they unite and how I'm that one person who does both," she says.

Dance keeps her peaceful and focused, Brynn said, while hockey is an outlet for her stronger emotions. She said she is currently applying to study psychology in university.

Brynn's self portrait uses images of herself that she drew.

"Half of it is colour picture of me in hockey and then it's kind of pixelated, broken up into squares, and the lower half is in black and white of me doing a dance pose. They're meshed together in a weave."

Woodward said the self portrait violently slices the still, monumental figure of the hockey player with the feminine energy of the dancer. "Nice rhyming between landscape and arena and hockey stick and toe shoes," she wrote.

The show is on at the Art Gallery of Bancroft until Jan. 30.

CHA announces its charities for 2016

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations has chosen a number of charities to support this year.

For the first time ever, the CHA has chosen separate organizations in the north and south areas of the county, due to the large geographical area the association covers.

For the south region, the charity of the year is the Hospital Auxiliaries of Haliburton and Minden. The north charities are Moorelands Wilderness Camp and the Community Health Hub in Dorset.

The chosen charities receive year round exposure to member associations (which encompasses thousands of lakefront property owners), a half page colour ad in the shoreline property reports sent to every property owner on the lakes that participated the Love Your Lake Shore-

line project in the previous summer, the opportunity to setup a display table at the annual general meeting and meet the presidents of all the member associations, and a newsletter article sent to all the associations' newsletter editors.

The CHA is a member-driven group of 48 property owners' associations representing more than 100 lakes from across Haliburton County. The organization's mandate is to protect and enhance the quality of our lakes, however the group is also focused on contributing to the well-being of the community.

One-hundred per cent of the funds given to the Minden or Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary goes towards funding modern and up-to-date equipment. It ensures the best possible care is available for cottagers, seasonal

and permanent residents and that hospital staff are supported in their efforts. One-hundred per cent of every dollar you give works hard.

The Moorelands Wilberness Camp on Kawagama Lake located near Dorset makes camp happen for 600 underprivileged children and youth. This camp experience has proven to make a profound difference in their development as positive individuals.

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JENN WATT

Editor

SIRCH Community Kitchen volunteers have been cooking up meals for neighbours in need for years, but now they're offering that same nutritious, homemade food to anyone who wants to buy it.

Called Simply Homemade, the program charges \$5 for a homemade frozen meal with all of the proceeds going back into restocking the kitchen to continue the group's work.

"The money that we make for those meals is going back into buying food to make more meals," says SIRCH food initiatives co-ordinator Alisha Lafleur.

"Our Community Kitchen program is our free meal program. Those meals get distributed to about 10 distribution sites, which are our other partner organizations in the community who are linked to clients who get free meals from that program," she says.

Anyone can purchase a meal through the program and Lafleur says they're a great substitute for frozen TV dinners. She's seen the meals go out to busy single people with little time to cook, seniors, people buying meals for a neighbour in need, or to feed people at a group meeting. Really, any time a frozen dinner would be helpful.

The meals are made by volunteers at the SIRCH hub, so expenses are relatively low, Lafleur says. That means the money from the meals sold can go right back into buying groceries to make more meals.

Those who want a large number of meals should contact SIRCH ahead of time, but for people who want to pick up a few dinners, meals are available at the SIRCH Hub at 2 Victoria Street in Haliburton each Tuesday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. or every other Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

You can check out what the Community Kitchen has cooking by visiting www.sirch.on.ca and checking out the blog post each week.

For more information, give SIRCH a call at 705-457-1742 or email info@sirch.on.ca.

Cook It Up back next month

It's not long now until Cook It Up, a SIRCH program that takes over Baked and Battered on Mondays, will be back in operation.

Starting Feb. 8 and running until April 25, the dining program that teaches students essential kitchen and serving skills while offering meals by donation to the community will be open to the public.

Alisha Lafleur, food initiatives co-ordinator for SIRCH, says last year's program was enthusiastically received by the public, who showed up in droves to eat lunches prepared by the class. The students ended up with experience and training that has helped them find employment.

This year there are 10 students who are currently in the classroom.

As part of their training, they plan meals around particular types of cuisine.

"The trainees are the ones who plan all of those menus," says Lafleur.

"They come up with the theme that they want to do and what the menu's going to be."

Students present the idea to the team and work through the aspects of organizing a meal considering nutrition, taste and availability in the community.

Thanks to local business Baked and Battered, Cook It Up has a place to serve the lunch, which is free.

Lafleur says the program fosters an "atmosphere of gratitude," which means visitors are asked to make a donation if they can, or just enjoy the food.

The program runs each Monday starting Feb. 8 from 12 to 2 p.m., except for statutory holidays – Feb. 15 (Family Day) and March 28 (Easter Monday).



A warm, welcome win

Winner of the Haliburton Business Improvement Area's Buy in and Win contest Chad Irvine, second from right, was the lucky recipient of a vacation donated by Travel Plus when his name was drawn on Dec. 22. This is the first time a winner of the annual contest has chosen to take the vacation option, instead of cash, when his name was drawn. Irvine filled out his winning ticket at Shoppers Drug Mart. The contest encourages people to spend money at local businesses. From left, Nelly Ashworth, BIA treasurer; Renzo Rosati, BIA executive member; Linda Coneybeare, Travel Plus manager; Irvine; Luke Schell, BIA president. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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Closing time

IT MAY BE TIME for the tourism information centre to close on Highway 35 in Minden.

The centre, just a few metres north of Bobcaygeon Road, has long hosted the cozy cabin filled with Highlands-branded merchandise, pamphlets and brochures, friendly staff and (perhaps most important) a washroom.

That last feature has been key, bringing in about 30 per cent of the foot traffic last summer.

But that's 30 per cent of 3,700 – a pretty small group given the centre costs some \$62,000 to run.

As tourism director Amanda Virtanen put it at a recent committee meeting: "Would we ever spend \$62,000 on an ad that reaches 3,000 people?"

The answer, of course, is no.

Is it time to move on from the concept of a physical tourism information centre model? It looks to be that way.

Over the last few years, the county has been moving steadily toward a more digital platform, offering most of its maps and information online. Recently, Virtanen revamped the tourism website, making it easier for people to navigate and find the information they're looking for.

And they've had little problem attracting interest on social media. The Haliburton Highlands Facebook page has more than 16,000 likes and posts several times a week about area events and opportunities. The Twitter account has 4,200 followers.

The function of a tourism booth isn't to attract visitors, since they are already here once they make it to

the building. It's a matter of hospitality.

When you travel somewhere, doesn't it feel better to know there is someone to welcome you, give you a hand if you need it?

In 2012, the county funded an interesting initiative, called the Haliburton Highlands Ambassador program. The idea was that trainers would come to any local business that asked and do a quick customer relations session with the staff and leave behind a binder of tourism

information. After the training, a sticker was placed on the business's front window highlighting to tourists that staff were ambassadors for the county.

The signs read: "Ask us where to eat, stay or play." More than 100 businesses signed up.

The notion was that by making local businesses aware

of the wider tourism industry and armed with some customer service best practices, the private sector could aid in welcoming tourists.

If the county does proceed with closing down the centre on 35, an ambassador-style program could fill that void. In fact, ambassadors throughout the county are likely to meet more than 3,700 people a summer.

The tourism centre's usefulness seems to be dwindling, but that doesn't mean giving up on hospitality. Plenty can be done in a cost effective way to give visitors to the Highlands the warm welcome they've always expected.



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Editorial



Golden winter sunset

by Darren Lum

David Francey and the power of mindfulness

THERE ARE MANY reasons why I meditate. Here is another example. For years I have been a fan of David Francey.

I own some of his music and I use it in my classes and I listen at home. I love the stories that he tells about real people in real places.

A couple of my favourite songs of his are "Grateful" and "The Ballad of Bowser Macrae," which is a love song.

David was born in Scotland (has a lovely Scottish accent) and worked as a carpenter until he was in his 40s and his wife convinced him to start performing. I have followed him for a number of years.

He is coming to perform in Haliburton, (it will be his second time in our community), on Saturday, Jan. 30 at the Northern Lights Pavilion. Our local Folk Society is bringing him.

I have been telling my friends and students about him for weeks and weeks in anticipation. Last week I was given a beautiful gift when a friend sent me a message. She had won dinner with David Francey before his Haliburton performance.

Our local folk society always hosts the performers and does a dinner with local folks to welcome, in this case, David. My friend won the draw to be part of the group that hosts and welcomes David and she invited me to go along with her.

I was so delighted when I got the email and immediately responded with a big yes and much delight. I was just so thrilled and honoured to be asked.

As soon as I hit send on my computer I started to worry about the dinner. What will I say? I'm not a musi-

cian. I'm not a performer. Who else will be there?

And all these stories start to loop around in my mind and within half an hour I'm ready to call and say I can't go. I'm too nervous.

And then I take a couple of deep breaths and I notice the habit of my mind to always doubt myself in almost every situation.

I have a habit of thinking I'm not good enough or not worthy and I worry. I am really good at worrying.

And these are habits that have deep roots in my being.

I know these thoughts aren't true, but if I didn't catch them I wouldn't do anything. I would just say no and miss out on an incredible opportunity.

That's the gift of my meditation practice. It has taught me to be aware of these habits and to be kind to myself when I notice them happening. It isn't always easy to work through, but I do and then I choose to respond differently.

I'm a great ambassador for Haliburton! I love where I live and I am interested in everyone. Of course the evening will be fun. And I'll have great stories to tell my friends.

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points of view

The sporting mess

“YOU KNOW, you’re short on cuteness and long on annoyance,” Jenn said in a loud, authoritative voice.

“What did I do now?” I replied, as I rounded the corner into the kitchen.

“I was talking to the cat,” she answered. “But come to think of it....”

“Boy, it sure looks cold out there, huh?” I interrupted.

Unfortunately, it was too late. Jenn had already leveled her gaze on the growing pile of sporting goods by the front door and was now staring at it menacingly – the way mixed martial artists stare at their opponents just before the big smack down.

“Is there any reason we need all this stuff by the front door and on the main level?” she asked.

A question like that is never easy to answer.

I mean, the ice fishing gear, which consisted of several rods and reels, a bucket to sit on and hold them in, a backpack filled with plastic tackle cases and a ladle, a one-burner butane stove and cookware, as well as an electronic flasher –

was more or less obvious. One day, presumably soon, I’d get an emergency call telling me the ice fishing was hot on a nearby lake. And when that happened, I’d be ready to respond at a moment’s notice.

The long bow, arrows and shooting glove were a little more difficult to explain, however, especially since the bow season had ended more than a month ago.

“What about those?” she asked. “Are you planning to rob from the rich and give to the poor?”

“No,” I explained meekly. “I mean that’s a great idea, but it’s too cold for green tights. Actually,

I just like to go outside and shoot at my target every now and then.”

She then observed that my target was buried in the snow.

“That certainly makes it more challenging,” I replied.

“OK then, do we really need all the fly tying stuff on the dining room table?”

I just looked at her and shook my head. I mean, what the heck else are you supposed to use a dining room table for?

I decided it was best not to verbalize that thought.

No matter. She reminded me that I had converted the entire basement into a fly fishing shop, complete with work bench expressly designed for tying flies on.

“Don’t you think that would be the ideal place for you to tie flies?” she said.

That was certainly true but she hadn’t taken into account that my fly tying bench was buried underneath my deer hunting gear.

“Well, why don’t you put away your deer hunting gear on the shelf in the furnace room we designated just for that purpose?”

“I would, but my mallard decoys are there,” I answered.

“I thought they were supposed to be in the shed,” she countered.

“They don’t fit there now that I’ve got my ice fishing sled and augers inside of it,” I said.

“How does that stuff even fit in there with the lawn mower?” she asked.

“It doesn’t,” I replied.

“So the lawn mower is still outside?”

I went on to explain that I needed it to be accessible in case global warming was worse than we imagined, but she didn’t buy that either.

The upshot of all this is that today I’ll be moving the sled and augers to the back of my SUV, the lawn mower and decoys to the shed, the deer hunting gear to designated shelf in the furnace room, the fly tying stuff to the bench in the basement and the ice fishing stuff....well, I’m still holding out for an emergency call telling me that a hot bite is on.

In the meantime, can anybody tell me what the heck else you are supposed to use a dining room table for?



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

Many in the community will know this group of youngsters. This photo was submitted by Jacqueline Metcalf and it was taken in 1951 at the end of the Grade 12 year. Back row, Lois Bailey (Emmerson), Nancy Bounsall, Jacqueline Robertson, Mavis Sisson (Elstone) and Shirley Cooper. Front row, Gerald Irish, Sid Cooper and Stewart Baker.

letters to the editor

Charity tournament should have run this year

To the Editor,

While Mr. Oyler, in his interview with Darren Lum, talked of the many other commitments of the HHHS Foundation, and how the Foundation personnel were very busy with those other projects, he fails to answer why, exactly, the SMCHT was not a “go” this year.

Many of us, from the former SMCHT committee, were not asked to help. I, for one, was not asked! I was one of many who went out to solicit for donations, but was not asked this year!

I was part of the former SMCHT committee and while I bowed out of the committee for the 2016 year, I was not averse to helping out.

I have heard many stories of the SMCHT, but

this one stuck in my mind. There is a gentleman who had put together two teams for this year’s tournament and had also booked in at a local hotel/motel for these two teams. As the tournament is not happening, this gentleman will cancel these reservations and probably not come back to Haliburton again.

I find it unconscionable that the HHHS Foundation board and its ED did not put in more effort to obtain the number of volunteers it would take to have this most important fundraiser for Community Support Services run.

Lee MacLean
Former SMCHT volunteer and board member
of Community Care Haliburton County

Concert does not belong here

To the Editor,

Regarding an article in the *Echo* condemning the Ministry of Transportation according to music festival promoters I would like to comment on this. Instead of making it look like the ministry is the bad guys here let’s think of the facts. The highway is unsafe for this use.

It is about time a division of our government actuality takes the safety concerns of the public seriously. There have been numerous accidents on this stretch of highway and now you want to add 10,000 to 20,000 people to the mix? How do residents receive essential services with that much traffic on the road? How many of these will be impaired or hung over navigating blind curves? Have the promoters of this festival taken into account the safety of the residents, or are dollar signs clouding their view? What is the dollar value of our lives or that of our children’s? Why is this the only spot in Haliburton County suitable

for this? Are blind curves and no suitable secondary roads to take, a prerequisite for having a music festival? What’s wrong with the straight road and ample land across from the Pinestone?

I find it very hard to believe that the people who come to rock festivals are going to be looking for accommodations when camping is available or that they are going to spend a casual day shopping especially with that amount of traffic, they won’t be able to get out or back in.

Most are just going to stay and party. So before any fingers are pointed at the MTO remember this: it could be your life they’re saving.

Angie Steckle
West Guilford

More letters to the Editor on page 8

Historical foundations of Second Amendment

To the Editor,

As both a teacher of Grade 11 American history and a holder of a Canadian Firearms Acquisition permit, I read "Website Brings Gun Violence Awareness" with both professional and personal interest. While I find Ms. Craden's grassroots movement admirable I think that she, like many other activists, misunderstand the historical foundations of the Second Amendment while conflating gun laws in Canada with those in the United States.

They are very different. The Second Amendment, or the right to bear arms, was instituted by a nascent country that was justifiably concerned by existential threats both from the within and beyond their borders. In order to protect their fledgling democracy it was crucial that citizens be able to repel invaders and overthrow tyrants. With a small standing army, the United States relied on citizen militias that could be quickly raised. The remnants of this can still be seen in the U.S. National Guard. Canadians tend to be sanctimonious when it comes to the Second Amendment but our history is profoundly different. We never had to fight for our country much less defend it. As a dominion of Great Britain others provided for our defence.

In the ensuing 200 odd years a great deal

has changed and the muskets and black powder rifles that guaranteed the American experiment have been replaced by semi-automatic assault rifles and armor-piercing bullets; weapons in other words that the framers of the US Constitution never would have foreseen. I agree with Ms. Craden on this aspect. There is a toxic gun culture in the United States that goes against the original intention of their Constitution but the right to bear arms isn't a dangerous libertarian blunder but a necessary solution to the United States' precarious position at the end of the 18th century.

Ms. Craden's conflation of the laws that rule firearms in the United States and Canada respectively, suggest that she doesn't understand the laws in either country. In Canada if citizens wish to purchase and use a long rifle they need to take a three-day training course where they practice with a decommissioned firearm. They have to pass a written and practical exam. Additionally, they must pass a background check and then wait three months for their licence to arrive in the mail. Firearms by law are required to be kept under lock and key at all times. Ammunition must be stored separately. If people wish to purchase and use a handgun, an additional three-day course is required, again with a practical and written test. Handguns (or restricted weapons) need to be stored

securely and can only be used at a sanctioned range. Assault rifles and automatic weapons are prohibited.

My guess is that Ms. Craden doesn't know a great deal about the laws that govern firearms in either the United States much less where she lives; simply that she finds firearms distasteful and is going to write a song about her confusion. This is her right. However,

I hope my letter inspires her to seek a better understanding of the laws that govern this country as well as fostering deeper insight regarding the historical forces that have helped shape our neighbours to the south.

Rory Gilfillan
Eagle Lake

End of tournament saddens volunteer

To the Editor,

I was saddened and disappointed when I received a phone call letting me know the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament was cancelled.

I was fortunate and honoured to serve on this fundraising committee of Community Care Haliburton County (CCHC) for six years. The mandate was to raise funds to benefit people in the county needing the services provided by CCHC, i.e. Meals on Wheels, transportation for medical trips to specialists etc.

This committee met regularly under the leadership of Scotty Morrison. He rarely missed a meeting and was instrumental in obtaining not only local sponsors, but NHL speakers, referees, Hockey Hall of Fame

representatives, trophies and of course, the Stanley Cup!

The community was totally supportive of this hockey fundraiser by generously donating money as well as many items for auction. Our own NHL heroes, Matt Duchene and Cody Hodgson, generously supported this tournament both financially and with autographed memorabilia. Significant money was raised for the community and the committee had fun in the process.

Many thanks to Scotty who gave his name, his energy and his generous heart into this successful tournament to help seniors in this community. Thank you, Scotty!

Ruth Mitchell
(Committee member 2008 - 2014)
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It would be easy for Aggrey Omondi to be down, but through the power of story he believes there is a brighter future for his Kenyan home despite the darkness that looms over it.

The 58-year-old African father of six and grandfather of eight comes from Ujunga, a small town of a few thousand located in Western Kenya, which is very similar to our own town with natural surroundings and tight-knit community. Omondi, the chief executive officer and founder of the Ujunga Community Resource Centre (www.ugunja.org), spent four days in Haliburton as part of an exploratory trip. He continues to believe in the strength of community and focuses on the similarities between Ujunga and Haliburton rather than the differences of culture, climate and language.

"Here it is about community, which is so much about our village," he said. "You look at the environment is so lovely, so natural and this is something we're losing out."

In Ujunga they speak Dholuo, which is one of 53 dialects spoken in Kenya.

There is deforestation because of a growing population and economic hardship, he said.

"This is one community – it is my prayer we need to be connected, to learn from one another issues of environment and the community itself," he said.

Close to five years ago Omondi was here representing the UCRC – a non-governmental organization – because of his friendship with Haliburton resident Karra Wesley's mother. He stayed with the Wesley family during his short stay in the Highlands, as part of a two-week visit to Canada. He connected with people here five years ago and established correspondence and partnerships with people, organizations and educational institutions in Kitchener, Ont., as well.

Ujunga faces distinct challenges that we could only imagine in our worst nightmares. Whether it's the militia or the al Qaeda affiliate al Shabaab, a Muslim extremist terrorist group, the threat of losing an entire generation to these armed groups is a real concern.

Al Shabaab has been in Omondi's community recruiting disillusioned youth and unemployed young adults with the allure of a steady income. They're indiscriminate in who they want. Religious background isn't a requisite; unimportant compared to firing a rifle.

Omondi wants to give these young people a reason to hope and resist the temptation.

"They can be taken care of if we invest in humans and make sure youth out of school we give them the skills for self-employment. You leave them there idle then they move on. Of course they're bitter," he said.

Prevention is the cheapest way to manage things. Al Shabaab, he said, has a base in neighbouring Somalia, which allows them to regularly exert influence.

The organization Omondi works for has initiated programs that empower and educate his neighbours with the aim of positively affecting the community. Programs range from advocacy to education.

For 27 years Ujunga has hosted more than 400 volunteers from abroad. These volunteers were comprised of health professionals and students. The visiting volunteers learn about the culture and life in Ujunga. Some wrote their stories, which have been posted to the UCRC website, describing how their experience has influenced and inspired them.

The Ujunga Community Resource Centre founder and chief executive officer Aggrey Omondi returned to Haliburton after his trip here five years ago. Omondi continues to work towards a brighter future for his little community in Kenya through building relationships with organizations and communities such as Haliburton. /
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Staff



Volunteers must cover their health insurance and pay for food and accommodation, including a weekly nominal donation to the community.

After all the years of hosting, there have only been four Ujunga citizens that have left to travel. It's a disparity Omondi hopes to change. There is a goal to create an exchange specifically with Haliburton.

His hometown is thousands of miles away, but shares a lot in common. The way people know one another here is just like Ujunga. "That is something that is us," he said. "That sense of community, which you don't find in [cities]."

By next year he hopes to return to Haliburton and secure a host family that would be willing to accommodate a professional from his community. He would love it if an educator from his town could be sponsored to visit and learn how things are done here and be able to apply ideas in a way that would work in his community.

Although the weather isn't ideal, the best time for a visit would be late-autumn and early-winter, which is during the school year. The ideal duration of their stay should be at least a month up to a year. It takes time to acclimatize and feel fully immersed in a culture, he said.

Children in Ujunga have been benefiting from Omondi's first trip.

At the St. Paul Mundindi Early Childhood Development Centre, they have organized their own playground for educational play, which took cues from the Haliburton Wee Care Day Nursery. This trip for Omondi is to not only bolster the connections he made from the first visit, but also collect Air Mile points, which would allow people from his area to come to Canada. Getting people, who are professionals or students from his area, to travel and leave for another country will foster greater awareness of the world, and appreciation of the qualities of home. People from his town, he said, continue to think life in North America is great, without real challenges such as unemployment or poverty.

Travel will dispel that notion and "demystify" that belief. In larger Canadian centres such as Kitchener, he said, it is not unusual for people to not know their neighbours. "Talk about unemployment in Kenya and everyone thinks that if they come here they will get [a job]," he said.

Money is always needed for the UCRC. The Kenyan government contributes very little. Although some homes and the Ujunga Community Resource Centre have electricity, most homes do not. Besides needing money, the power of human connection cannot be stressed

enough, he said.

"Learn from one another. Share and those kind of things. There are things we take for granted here," he said.

The Highlands isn't without families in need, but in his village they devised an idea to bring joy to the children this past Christmas and on upcoming birthdays with less money. In the past several weeks the village held a pair of communal events to help make children feel special at Christmas and for their birthdays. Gifts and treats were given to children on separate days. One for Christmas and the other for every child's birthday.

Wesley believes there is value in having people here who would otherwise

not be exposed to our culture, but also for locals to interact with different people.

"It's important for this community too to host people ... We can benefit from hearing their stories and hearing their struggles in life and realize, 'Hey, man, we're all in this together,'" she said. "The world is big, but really it is not."

The mother of two young children is reminded of the important things with her friend's stay.

"Having Aggrey come back is humbling and brings me back to what is important in life and what we get absorbed with that is not necessary," she said.

Unlike some charities where you never meet the recipients, this is one has a face and identity attached.

There is also an effort to collect anecdotes and photos of everyone who has lived in Ujunga. So far Omondi has stories on his Facebook page's timeline.

"We want to write the journey that we have travelled together," he said.

He said with volunteer help he can bring all of the material together. By next year, when he returns he hopes to launch it in some undetermined form, whether that is in a hard copy or a website.

"That one will inspire others," he said.

"Once we start the conversation and laying the foundation in Haliburton ... We want to start building stories of how communities can work together for the common good of the mankind," he said.

He is hopeful and believes in making a better world, but knows it takes time and a concerted effort.

"The relationship we're building: don't expect a fix today and tomorrow," he said, snapping his fingers. "We build on it."

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Young Wilberforce curlers lead new trend

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Staff Reporter

Before two highly publicized curling injuries in the past several months, the Wilberforce Elementary School students had already become part of a new wave of curlers who have started wearing head protection.

Head injuries took centre stage with curlers in this country after a death by a 72-year-old Scarborough woman back in October followed by the tumble of 2006 Olympic gold-medal curling champion Brad Gushue on national television during a major competition in November.

Although the Wilberforce Curling Club had one student group learn to curl three years ago, it was two years ago that the club opened its doors to all of the students (Grade 4 to 8) from the elementary school located just down the road and were instrumental in successfully applying for Canadian Tire Jump Start grants to purchase protective head gear.

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board's OPHEA (Ontario Physical Education) guidelines requires head protection for activities on ice, but not for curling. However the club and the administration of the school thought it was a good idea for the Wilberforce Elementary School students to wear "safety tuques" as a precau-



Head injuries in curling are a hot topic after two highly publicized incidents. Locally, the Head First brand of protective head wear, which comes in a variety of styles with its protective pad mainly visible when looking inside of them is sold locally at JoAnne Sharpley Source for Sports Haliburton./

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tion against head injuries.

Wilberforce Curling Club's Dave Watson and the budding curlers affectionately call them Beanie Boppers. He said the products were already known because of major curling clothiers have had them in their catalogue for the past few years.

"We saw the protective head gear and saw it was an important issue, particularly for kids when they're out on the ice learning how to curl and so we went ahead purchasing head gear," he said, referring to the Heads Up brand of products.

"That was one of our concerns as a curling club. We wanted to do it. The Ontario Curling Association really supported us with safety on the ice [being] paramount for kids curling," he said.

The club offered instruction in the winter sport within the framework outlined by the OCA Little Rocks program (eight weeks of learning, which included safe practices, and a week of testing) to be included as part of physical education curriculum. Students curled one day a week for an hour at the club during school. There were three separate sessions of Grade 4/5, Grade 5/6 and Grade 7/8 each week.

Although the OCA and Canadian Curling Association

are promoters of safe curling, they have not made head gear protection mandatory. However individual clubs do have rules for head protection for their younger curlers such as Wilberforce's.

"They don't make it mandatory, but they highly recommend it. That's one of those crazy use of words, right?" he said.

There were \$9,000 worth of grants over two years from the Canadian Tire Jump Start program that covered the protective hat costs for every student, including 25 this year for Grade 4 students joining the program to receive a tuque for free. This past year the grants also covered the purchase of 65 brooms. The Jump Start program normally awards money to individuals, but "they saw the wisdom in providing the equipment for the kids."

At the start of each year included a one-day indoor curling lesson for the at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre by the Curling Canada's Rocks and Rings program.

Two of the students have fallen, but their falls did not warrant a demonstration of the pad's effectiveness. Watson said once the pad is damaged that it can be sent back to the company for study and be exchanged for another

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Diverse head protection options available for curling

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They are currently looking for an alternate venue as the Wilberforce Curling Club building undergoes repairs for a recent brine leak.

Before the elementary curling program he didn't really think of wearing protective head gear despite falls.

The curler with more than 40 years of experience, long-time member and one of eight volunteer coaches with OCA accreditation to coach said they lead by example and all wear toques with the protective pad.

"You don't even know you have the thing on. Once in a while you might think, oh, what's this at the back [of my head]," he said, describing what it's like to wear head gear.

There is a tendency to fall backwards so the protective pad can be insurance against a head injury.

He adds you rarely see competitive curlers wearing anything on their heads on television and if they do it really stands out.

"You think some guy is crazy because he is wearing an ordinary peaked hat. You know because curling has always been a bare-headed sport. It's never called on anything for protection or whatever," he said.

Watson isn't sure how to encourage more adults to wear head protection.

He believes starting children young will make them lifelong head protection users, similar to how children become used to wearing head protection for other activities such as bicycling and ski/snowboarding.

"I think eventually those kids after they graduate Grade 8 ... they're going to wear their Beanie Boppers. It's going to become a natural thing to wear," he said.

All the tuques are kept at the club for the season and are labelled with the curler's names.

Watson said this has been a positive experience. He adds this will raise awareness and bring attention to head protection for other curlers.

Although the Wilberforce Curling Club's support has not wavered, it's aging facility was not up to the task this season after a leak has forced the end to the 2015-2016 season. The club is attempting to work out an idea to keep the students curling. Watson said the club has seen resurgence since a membership drive and the start of the student program. There are now 65 members compared

to only 35 two years ago.

Despite the raised awareness, there is only a handful of protective head gear users in Haliburton County. All of the county clubs researched for this story such as Minden Curling Club, Wilberforce Curling Club and Haliburton Curling Club encourage safe practices to their membership. However none have made it mandatory for their members.

It's easy to remember helmets are a must for contact sports such as hockey and football. Curling is not hockey, but it has its share of risk.

A report released in April last year from the Public Health Agency of Canada revealed of the 90 per cent of injuries in recreational curling resulting from a fall a little more than 30 per cent were head impacts.

The Red Wolves Special Olympic curling team's co-ordinator, coach and parent Yvette Brauer said all of the members must wear protective head gear.

"We opt for the halo as it is widely used and looks cool. A number of our coaches are wearing them as well although not mandatory for them," she said, referring to the Ice Halo that looks like a head band. "Keeping everyone safe from serious injuries is our main focus, some of our athletes have balance issues so this is definitely beneficial especially for them."

At the Minden Curling Club, Pauline Plooard, an Ice Halo wearer for the past five years, said she remembers past members who fell and suffered a head injury that never returned to the sport. At the time, specific head protection was not readily available. The club eventually starting to sell the Ice Halo version of head gear. She was the first at her club to wear it.

Last week during women's house league, she pointed to the four sheets of ice where there was a diversity of styles worn by more than a third of the 32 ladies curling. There are only a few men wearing protection, who wear helmets.

President of the Haliburton Curling Club Mary Hillaby admits she doesn't wear anything, but said safety is a top priority at her club, as evidenced by the information outlined on the club's home page as well as taught in their clinics, emphasizing the use of grippers, paying attention to condition of equipment and particular actions with rocks and conduct on and around the ice.

"We're constantly making everyone aware of it not to

the point of scaring them. We just want them to be safe," she said.

She adds there is greater awareness among her membership because of the injuries even if the Gushue facial injuries sustained from the fall would not have been mitigated by protective head gear.

Hillaby has thought of wearing protective head gear, but isn't certain of which to choose.

She wasn't certain about numbers related to protective head wear users at her club, but has noticed there has been an increase compared to a few years ago.

The club sells Ice Halos.

Just down the road from the Haliburton Curling Club, JoAnne Sharpley Source for Sports owner JoAnne Sharpley offers an entire line of curling equipment, including the full array of hats that have the foam insert at the back of the textile head gear, which were on sale (as of writing).

Although there hasn't been a dramatic shift to wearing head protection, Sharpley said there is enough demand for her to continue to sell the products. In the last couple years she has sold close to 30 hats with protective pads.

Besides the curling specific head gear, there have been a few requests from males to purchase snowboard helmets because of the multi-use nature and for its appearance.

Not only is it a safety concern, she said, but it will become a sales strategy. She is asking her staff to encourage customers buying new equipment to consider head protection for sports such as curling, snowboarding or skiing.

As far as the Haliburton club's younger participants in the Youth Curling Club, Hillaby has left headwear up to the parents' discretion and sent letters home. On a recent Thursday where youth were curling, there was one curler wearing protective head gear.

She acknowledges some of the reservations related to head protection, but is fully aware of the growing selection available.

"When people think protective head gear they automatically think helmets, but some of the designs are cool. You can have a tuque with protective pad at the back. There's baseball caps. They're trying to make it more appealing to people to wear," she said.



Welcome to the Team!

We would like to officially welcome our new Service Technician Kris Cox to our Minden Subaru team. Kris grew up in the Highlands and left for Ottawa to complete his schooling at Algonquin college. Kris and his fiancé Stephanie are getting married in February and they are both extremely happy to have moved back to the area. Kris is looking forward to bringing his knowledge and enthusiasm to Minden Subaru, and giving the best service experience possible.



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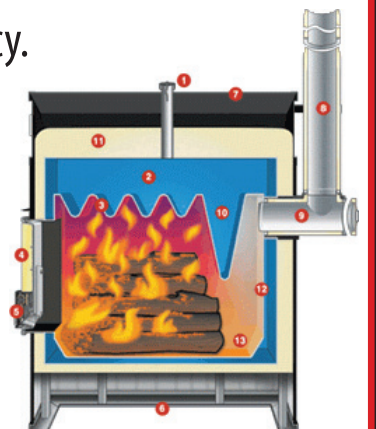
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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Haliburton County Tourism Committee is seeking an interested individual to fill a vacancy as a Committee member for the remainder of the four-year term of Council ending November 30, 2018. We are seeking a public appointee who has an interest in the County Tourism industry.

The Haliburton County Joint Accessibility Committee is also seeking an interested individual to fill a vacancy as a Committee member for the remainder of the four-year term of Council ending November 30, 2018. We are seeking a public appointee able to represent the interests of the disabled community. The successful applicant must be living with a disability to qualify for this position under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*.

Any person having an interest in being appointed to either the Tourism Committee or the Joint Accessibility Committee is invited to submit an expression of interest no later than **Friday, February 5, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.**, detailing relevant experience and skills to the attention of:

Michael Rutter, County CAO/Clerk
County of Haliburton,
11 Newcastle Street, P.O. Box 399,
Minden, Ontario
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705-286-4829 fax
mrutter@county.haliburton.on.ca

Wolves lose a pair to Lumberjacks



DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Late Friday night the Haliburton Wolves returned home with a 10-3 loss after squaring off against the Sturgeon Falls Lumberjacks in Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League action at Sturgeon Falls Arena.

The team made the trip by several cars, as carpooling became necessary when a bus was not available for the evening.

Haliburton had an early lead in the first when Zachary Thorsen scored the game's first goal minutes into the game. Jacob Bishop assisted.

It was a short-lived lead as the Lumberjacks' player Matthieu Verreault scored the equalizer minutes later. In the second period, the home team then scored two more goals before Thorsen scored again for the Wolves to narrow the gap to 3-2. Connor Aleski and James Kilgore assisted on the goal.

That was as close as the road could get to sending the partisan crowd home disappointed, as the Lumberjacks added two more in the period and then scored five more to the lone Wolves' goal by captain Nick Hunter, who was assisted by Jayden Southwind.

Besides a five-minute major and a 10-minute game misconduct penalty, the Wolves only had four minor penalties for eight minutes.

According to the online scoresheet, the Wolves' newest goaltender Chance Turner from Texas started and was replaced five minutes into the third period by Mitchell Volmert, who has left the team for an indefinite time for personal reasons. The team's other recent additions are Jonah Lillis of Ontario and Brenden Shepcario-Blacksmith of Quebec.

Although the Lumberjacks have three games in hand (as of Sunday afternoon), the Wolves remain seven points back (7-27-0).

This was the fifth loss in a row and the second consecutive loss to the Lumberjacks after the Wolves were edged out 5-3 at home the night before.

Wolves goals were scored by James Kilgore, Ryan Hunter, who also had an assist, and Thorsen, who had three points (one goal and two assists). Assists came from Jayden Southwind, Nick Hunter and Lachlan McKenzie.

The season series is led by Sturgeon Falls, who has won every meeting since the Wolves first 8-7 win at home on Sept. 24.

Haliburton hosts Bracebridge this week on Thursday. Puck drops at 7:30.

Haliburton Wolves goalie Mitchell Volmert, who has left the team indefinitely for personal reasons, played for part of the third period against the Sturgeon Falls Lumberjacks on Friday while on the road. Volmert is originally from Goose Creek, South Carolina. He saw limited ice time, playing 11 games and had a 2-4 record. The Wolves lost 10-3 a night after losing 3-2 to the Lumberjacks at home. File photo



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-056/15
Applicant: Clifford & Mary OLIVER
Location of the Property: Part of Lots 17 & 18, Plan 348, Geographic Township of Harburn
Nature of the Application: Addition to a Lot
2. File No. H-063/15
Applicant: Nathaniel JEFFRIES & Elisabeth PAPE
Location of the Property: Part of Lot 7, Plan 205, Geographic Township of Glamorgan
Nature of the Application: Addition to a Lot & Easement
3. File No. H-069/15
Applicant: 2481938 Ontario Inc.
Location of the Property: Lot 9, Plan 19M8, Geographic Township of Harburn
Nature of the Application: Easement
4. File No. H-072/15
Applicant: 856761 Ontario Inc.
Location of the Property: Lot 6, Plan 19M8, Geographic Township of Harburn
Nature of the Application: Addition to a Lot
5. File No. H-073/15
Applicant: Allan Phillip HUNTER
Location of the Property: Part of Lot 31, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Guilford
Nature of the Application: Addition to a Lot

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 19th day of January, 2016

Lisa Gillan
Secretary- Treasurer
Haliburton County Land Division Committee
11 Newcastle Street
P. O. 399
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
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NOTICE

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, s. 391 (1), as amended provides that a municipality may pass a by-law setting fees for certain services within the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to enact a by-law under the Municipal Act respecting a tariff of fees for various services carried out under the jurisdiction of the Fire Department of the Municipality of Highlands East at the regular Council meeting held on **February 8, 2016**.

The Council meeting commences at 9:00 a.m. and is held at the Council Chambers, 1101 Holmes Road, Wilberforce, Ontario

Irene S. Cook, CMO
Clerk/CEMC
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Notice

Amendment to Procedural By-law

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East will give consideration to a By-law to amend the Municipality's Procedural By-law No. 2015-06. The Procedural By-law governs the proceedings of Council and its committees, the conduct of its members and the callings of meetings.

The amendment will amend Section 10 Closed Meetings to reflect the changes that have been made to the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. 2001, c.25 Section 239. Under this section "Other criteria" the following has been added:

"an ongoing investigation respecting the municipality, a local board or a municipally-controlled corporation by the Ombudsman appointed under the Ombudsman Act, an Ombudsman referred to in subsection 223.13 (1) of this Act, or the investigator referred to in subsection 239.2 (1). 2014, c. 13, Sched. 9, s. 22."

Consideration to adoption of a by-law to amend the Procedural By-law will be given at the regular meeting of Council scheduled to be held as follows;

Date: Monday, February 8, 2016
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers, 1101 Homes Road, Wilberforce.

Irene S. Cook, CMO
Clerk/CEMC
Box 295, Wilberforce, Ontario K0L 3C0
1-705-448-2981 phone
Dated: January 19, 2016



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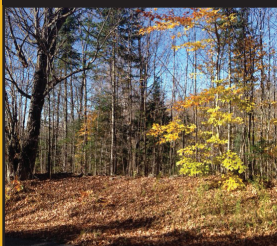


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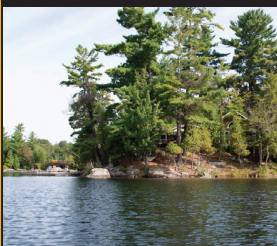
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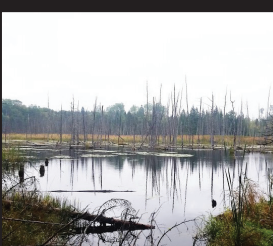
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UPCOMING Community Events

See more events in our Winter Guide, available on newsstands across the Haliburton Highlands.

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Dated Events

WILBERFORCE: Meet the Nurse

When: Thursday, January 21, 10 am to noon
Where: Lloyd Watson Community Centre (2249 Loop Rd.) in Wilberforce
Parents with children up to age six years can meet with a Public Health Nurse, who can provide breastfeeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns. Call (705) 457-1391 or 1-866-888-4577 for more information.

Minden Community Food Hub/Centre-A food bank and more!

Marilynne L'Esperance, (Chairperson of Minden Community Food Bank) will talk to us about how the food bank not only supplies food to an ever growing number of families, but is also committed to providing education in the growing of food and in food preparation.
When: January 21, 2016 1:30-2:30 pm
Where: Fleming College, Great Hall
Free (donations to the CFUW Haliburton Highlands Scholarship Fund would, however, be welcome)

The Write Stuff

When: Saturday, January 23rd, 10am-12pm
Where: Haliburton Highlands Museum
Kids aged six and up are invited to join retired schoolteacher Georgina Boyle to learn cursive writing in a fun and interactive way. This workshop is free, but pre-registration is required.
Contact: 705-457-2760 or info@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com

"JOURNEY" Annual Salon Exhibition OPENING RECEPTION

When: Saturday January 23 2-4 pm
Where: Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre 23 York Street
A group exhibition of new work by local artist members of Rails End Gallery. (deadline for entry Jan 16) Meet the artists at the opening reception. Runs til March 19.
Contact: Laurie Jones, Curator 705-457-2330 www.railsendgallery.com

HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, January 27, 10:30 am to Noon
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Family Literacy Day @ Haliburton County Public Library

When: January 27, 2016
Where: Minden Hill Branch 10:30am, Dysart Branch 2:30pm
Ontario Early Literacy Specialist Stretch a Book story activity time
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HALIBURTON: Healthy Beginnings – Prenatal Class

When: Begins Thursday, January 28, 6 to 8 pm
Where: Ontario Early Years Centre (83 Maple Ave., Halco Plaza, lower level) in Haliburton Village.
Join this free class offered by the Health Unit to help expectant parents prepare for baby's arrival. Continues on February 4, 11, 18 and 25. Pre-register by calling (705) 457-1391 or toll-free at 1-866-888-4577.

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Cody Hodgson placed on waivers by Predators

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Cody Hodgson is waiting for another NHL team and another NHL chance after being placed on waivers by the Nashville Predators this past Wednesday as reported by The Tennessean.

The Predators' general manager David Poile explained his decision to The Tennessean.

"We signed him to enhance our (offence) and it didn't happen," Poile said. "You look for other areas that maybe a player can help you — checking or penalty killing or some other area. Really, I think we were pretty honest with Cody and told him that he had to produce offensively, and he hasn't."

"This is the move."

The former Buffalo Sabres player tallied only three goals and eight points in 39 games for the Predators before he was a healthy scratch for three games and was put on waivers.

Only two years ago, Hodgson enjoyed a career high in points and goals (20 goals and 44 points) in 2013-2014 for the Sabres. He was rewarded with a six-year contract worth \$25.5 million.

The following year Hodgson managed only 13 points and the Sabres bought out four of the remaining years in his contract.

Days after, Nashville signed Hodgson to a one-year contract worth \$1.05 million. It was the exact same contract signed by the team's centre Mike Ribeiro, who parlayed his one-year contract into a new two-year contract worth \$7 million according to www.nhl.com.

If Hodgson, a 10th overall pick for the Vancouver Canucks in the 2008 NHL Draft, is not signed by another team he is expected to join Nashville's American Hockey League affiliate the Milwaukee Admirals.

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Reaching for the top

The senior girls' Red Hawks volleyball team started well in the Kawartha West Senior Girls League action beating the Brock Bulldogs, but followed up with a loss. The Hawks finished with two set losses against the I.E. Weldon Wildcats in front of friends and family on Thursday, Jan. 14 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The Bulldogs had the most wins on the day with three in the event that included HHSS and the Wildcats.

Left, the Red Hawks senior power Jamie Little jumps for a hit against the Brock Bulldogs on Thursday, Jan. 14 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in Haliburton. The Hawks split their two-set match with Brock (25-19 and 19-25) and lost both sets (18-25 and 11-25) against the Wildcats, who were blanked by the Bulldogs (26-24 and 26-24).



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Lady Hawks relish rematch with Falcons

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

An extra end loss to the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons is still fresh in the minds of the Red Hawks girls' curling team close to two weeks after their first test this season.

In the A final of the zone 5 GORE Curling Provincial Championships in the schoolgirl category on Jan. 3 at the Peterborough Curling Club, the Red Hawks and the Falcons were tied 8-8 after eight ends, forcing an extra end. The Falcons (with the hammer) won it before they threw their last rock.

Hawks' skip Alyssa Denyer and vice Tori Hawley are hoping for redemption if they can play the Falcons in the next round of the championships on Feb. 12 at Leaside Curling Club.

Despite the A final loss, the Hawks regrouped and earned its berth to the next round with a convincing B final 9-2 win over the I.E. Weldon Wildcats (conceded) in six ends.

They will be the second seed to the Falcons at the regional competition as region 2 zone 5 representatives.

Hawley said the team picked up its play in the second game, which contributed to

the 9-2 win over the Wildcats. Another factor to the score was that the Wildcats inexplicably decided to switch positions, making their second and youngest player skip the game, Denyer added.

"She was really nervous. I think that worked toward our advantage," Hawley said.

Denyer was pleased with her rink's overall performance in the bonspiel, but acknowledged difficulty with reading the conditions.

"We struggled with the ice in the first game. There were a lot of rocks picking and not doing the right thing," she said.

When asked about what was learned after the first bonspiel, Denyer said every game is a new opportunity and a chance to improve.

"It's a fresh start each game. We have each game to prove ourselves," Denyer said.

This bonspiel is the first of the season and the team is still making adjustments.

"We're just getting into it. We haven't played together much so by [the Kawartha Championship] I hope from playing in this we'll have it all together," she said.

Hawley said it's difficult for a team to be at its best early in the season.

"Hopefully that's it and we're going to play well from here on out," she said.



The Red Hawks girls' curling team Tori Hawley, left, Emily Parish, Russ Duhaime (coach), Alanna Casper and Alyssa Denyer, who won the B final at the GORE Curling Provincial Championships in the school girl category on Jan. 3 at the Peterborough Curling Club. The win earned the team a berth to the regionals, which are on Feb. 12 at the Leaside Curling Club. Absent for the photo is faculty advisor Cynthia McAllister./DARREN LUM Staff

Last year's alternate Emily Parish has taken the place of graduate Mia Kolcot. Parish, who is lead, did play and practiced with the team of Denyer, Hawley and the team's second Alanna Casper, who were together last year.

Chemistry, Denyer said, is important for any curling team to have success.

"I think for all of our teams, like our junior team or a high school team, that chemistry and that bond is important no matter what," she said.

Hawley and Denyer have a solid rap-

port built from a strong friendship on and off the ice, which makes it far easier to confer about game decisions.

She adds the established relationships are the intangibles of a strong team.

"Curling is one of those sports you spend so much time together. So if we didn't get along then it would translate on to the ice and there would be tension," she said.

Chemistry at core of early curling success for Draper's rink

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Red Hawks boys' curling team's skip Chris Draper is appreciating his

newly formed team after taking the B final in the zone 5 GORE Curling Provincial Championships in the schoolboy category on Jan. 3 at the Peterborough Curling Club.

The win advanced the Hawks to the

regions as the second seed for region 2 zone 5 in the championships. It will play on Feb. 12 at Leaside Curling Club for a chance to make the provincial finals.

Draper said the team defeated Fenelon Falls 10-4 in the bonspiel's B final after losing the A final to the St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School Saints.

The Grade 10 student adds the Saints were a formidable opponent that has been together the past few years and said the 8-3 loss was "pretty rough." The Hawks called the game in the fifth end.

The Red Hawks boys' curling team of Brian Wheeler, left, Logan McCready DeBruin and younger brother Dustyn, and Chris Draper, who won the B final at the GORE Curling Provincial Championships in the schoolboy category on Jan. 3 at the Peterborough Curling Club. The win earned the team a berth to the regionals, which are on Feb. 12 at the Leaside Curling Club./DARREN LUM Staff

Conversely, his team was only formed just before the competition. It was looking for a fourth player until Grade 11 Logan DeBruin McCready agreed to join the team as the lead.

Besides Draper and DeBruin McCready, the team includes Grade 10 student Brian Wheeler and Grade 9 Dustyn DeBruin McCready, younger brother to Logan.

The four are part of the Haliburton Youth Curling Club and practice every Thursday. They have known each other because of the club since Grade 4, but only came together for the first time this year.

This familiarity has fostered strong communication among each other, which is an asset, Draper said.

In their first game of the bonspiel, the Hawks had beaten the Falcons to get to the A final to play the Peterborough rink. Draper said the calibre of the teams was very competitive at the bonspiel, particular the Saints.

"We performed pretty good. We tried our best," he said.

After the bonspiel, he learned they'll need to work on their take outs and their strength is in their ability draw.

"If we work on those things we can probably get through," he said, referring to the next round.



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Red Hawks wrestling resumes

The Red Hawks Wrestling Team travelled to Port Perry last Friday, Jan. 8 to compete at the first tournament of 2016, the Northern Classic Wrestling Tournament. Overall, the team wrestled well to post some impressive results.

Shane O'Reilly (83 kg) and Sonya Flatman (54 kg) went undefeated throughout the preliminary rounds to advance to the finals. Both O'Reilly and Flatman wrestled well, but lost their matches to bring home silver medals. Emily Klose (64 kg) and Sonora Plumb (51 kg) each lost one match early in the tournament, placing them in the consolation side. Both girls went undefeated for the remainder of the tournament, earning bronze medals.

Several days later on Jan. 14, the Red Hawks

wrestled well in the final pre-championship tournament of the season, the second annual Uxbridge Open Wrestling Tournament at Uxbridge Secondary School.

Haliburton had several strong performances. Gold medallists include Shane O'Reilly, Sonya Flatman and Emily Klose. Bronze medals were earned by Noelle Dupret-Smith, Cassidy Glecoff, Rebecca Hamilton and Claire Karaguesian. The wrestling team continues to prepare for the Kawartha Championships, which are held on Tuesday, Feb. 9 in Cobourg.

Submitted by Paul Klose



Far left, the Red Hawks wrestler Claire Karaguesian, left, grapples to gain control of her opponent in the first tournament of 2016, the Northern Classic Wrestling Tournament on Jan. 8 in Port Perry.

Left, Hawks wrestler Sonya Flatman (54 kilograms) works to finish a leg attack on her opponent in the first wrestling tournament of 2016, the Northern Classic Wrestling Tournament on Jan. 8 in Port Perry. Flatman won a silver medal. Photos by Taylor Walton.

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Grab your skates and head for the ice in Wilberforce

community news

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Hilda Clark
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Have you dropped by the arena in Wilberforce lately? Always great ice there. Here are some reasons to put on your winter wear and drop in.

On Sunday afternoon you could actually find your skates and do a turn or two during public skating time which is 12:30 to 2 p.m.

On Tuesday evenings beginning at 6 p.m. members of

the Highlands East Figure Skating Club will entertain you as they practice their skills. They already have their sights on performing at their annual carnival, which will take place on March 19 this year.

Without leagues to play in this winter curlers as well as others might enjoy watching some hockey at our arena. On Sunday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. you can cheer on the Wilberforce Rockets minor hockey games. The Old Timers would be pleased to have you watch their games on Thursday evenings between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

The snack bar there is warm and you can enjoy coffee and snacks and even watch the ice activity from there. For reminders of these and other action there check the flashing notice board above the arena door.

There is increasing action at the Wilberforce Pharmacy and Clinic. At the clinic a doctor will be available again this Thursday for a walk-in clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The January 14 opportunity to visit a doctor right here in the village was a good introduction to this service. How well these two sessions are received will influence future availability of a doctor's presence in Wilberforce.

Family members and friends gathered in large numbers at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre on Saturday, Jan. 16 to celebrate the life of the late Donna Burroughs. Donna died on Jan. 2. They came to remember her, to honour her and to share memories of a life well lived. Donna loved and was loved.

She cared for family and friends. This competent smiling woman was able to operate her own hair salon and to support family members in their various pursuits and help out in her community of Harcourt. She always made time for fun times at home and on her many travels. This thoughtful caring lady will be well remembered and is already greatly missed.

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Jets throttling up towards playoffs

The Bancroft I.D.A / Canadian Tire Midget B Girls Jets hosted the Ennismore Eagles Saturday night in Haliburton.

The Jets opened the scoring early in the first period with Ashley Challinor’s power play goal, putting home a rebound off Jamie Little’s point shot set up by Sydney Feir. Midway through the first, Jamie Little added a goal to her earlier assist with a snap shot that beat the Eagle goaltender from the high slot. The Jets continued to pressure Ennismore in the second period and added to their lead with Danielle Sunstrum cleaning up Kenndal Marsden’s original shot, putting the rebound behind the Eagle net-minder midway through the period. Erin Kavanagh made the score 4-0 with a high glove wrister capitalizing on Sydney Feir’s hard work causing a turnover by the Eagles in the high slot. The Jets added two more unanswered goals in the third period and True Nulty stopped all Eagle snipers, earning the 6-0 shut-out win. Third period tallies went to Kenndal Marsden who stuffed home a goal mouth scramble and Kelsey Maracle who rounded out the scoring with a wicked five-hole snap shot from the high slot.

On Sunday night, the Jets travelled to Peterborough to take on the always aggressive Ice Kats. Midway through the first period, Erin Kavanagh sprung Kelsey Maracle loose with a beauty cross-ice feed where she stepped across the Ice Kats blue line and sniped a snap shot laser low blocker, cleanly beating the Peterborough net-minder. The Ice Kats tied the game 1-1 early in the second period when they caused a turnover in the Jets’ end and slipped a quick low wrister past Katie Hoover. The Jets continued to battle back and early in the third period, on a delayed penalty, took a 2-1 lead as Danielle Sunstrum cleaned up Kenndal Marsden’s shot on net, putting home the rebound. Both teams exchanged opportunities to add to the score sheet as the game drew to a close, but with just a minute left in the game, and with the Ice Kats goalie pulled, Danielle Sunstrum secured the win with her second tally of the night putting a wrister into the empty net from the Jets end. Final score 3-1.

Great bounce back effort girls following our Orillia Tourney last weekend. Use this effort to create an increased focus as we head into league play-offs and Provincial playdowns. Our last two games are on the road – Thursday, Jan. 21 in Keene at 8 p.m. and then another rematch with Peterborough at the Evinrude Centre at 7:15 to wrap up the regular season. A win in either game will secure a first place finish in our Eastern loop of the LLFHL and a bye in the first round of the league play-offs.

Your hard work and increased efforts will help build the confidence to compete in the league play-offs and provincial playdowns. Good luck the rest of the way girls. Go Jets go!

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Dramatic comeback completes Peewee A boys MPS tournament championship

Last weekend our JoAnne Sharpley’s Source for Sports Highland Storm Peewee A team played in the annual Muskoka-Parry Sound tournament in Gravenhurst. The first game they were pitted against the Parry Sound Shamrocks. The Storm team was in tough with a short bench, opening the tournament with two players out, but were able to eke out the win. The game was a back

and forth affair as the two teams had their fair share of chances at either end. Talented forward Tyson Clements had the only Storm goal, and goalie Darian Maddock shut the door, recording his 10th shutout of the year.

With little time between, the Storm quickly got back to business playing the power house Huntsville Otters, who always ensure a hard fought game. The Otters took this contest by a score of 3-2. Alex Little and Jake Sisson had the goals and Clements again, showed his worth with assists on both of them.

Day two rang in with a 5 a.m. wakeup call, and the South Muskoka Bears as the Storm’s next opponents. The Bears showed their strength in net, as this game was a goaltending duo with the storm getting most of the chances. It ended in another 1-0 win for the storm. This win also earned them a spot in the finals and a second shot at the Huntsville Otters.

Tensions were high surrounding the finals as the two teams set themselves up for a battle that would be won by inches. As the crowd hung on the team’s every move, the combatants fought for possession like rabid dogs. A blistering point shot here, a stretch pass there, intense battles in the corners, speed up the wing, the two supremely well coached teams were leaving it all out on the ice.

With the Otters up 2-1 and less than a minute remaining before they claimed the MPS Cup; the storm pulled their goalie for the extra attacker, and had the Otters deep in their zone. An offensive zone faceoff win saved possession, and the Storm pelted the net with shots, while the Otters’ goalie stopped everything he could. Multiple faceoff wins allowed the Storm to sustain pressure in the Otters’ zone, 30 seconds left there was another shot, another save. Another Storm faceoff win, 10 seconds left, a puck battle in the right corner, five seconds left, again, it was Tyson Clements who won the puck and sent a laser beam at the net, which beat the goalie to tie the game, and sent it into overtime.

Four-on-four overtime ensued, resulting in quality scoring chances at either end, but no goals as each net-minder was up to the task. Three-on-threes and two-on-tvos also resulted in no scoring, as the excitement grew throughout the arena. Next up was one-on-one overtime. The storm sent out team captain Alex Little to center ice, were he quickly gained possession and took the puck down the right wing for a scoring chance to no avail. The Huntsville player took the puck and skated quickly out of his zone, as it was evident that the two players were running out of steam. Little rushed up ice giving it his all, and chased down the speedy opponent before he could let go a shot. Alex then swiftly transitioned up ice and with a incredibly admirable skating effort, he rushed towards the Otters’ net, with the skater closing the gap. With a beautiful fake to blocker and a quick dangle back hand, and at 2:22 number two, lifted the puck up and over the goalie for the victory in the most dramatic fashion imaginable. Congratulations boys, you are MPS champs!

Tough MPS tournament for Peewee AE team

The Walker’s Heating and Cooling Haliburton Highland’s Family Health Team Highland Storm Peewee AE’s travelled to Bracebridge last weekend to participate in the annual Muskoka Parry Sound hockey tournament.

Game one was against rival Huntsville Otters. The Otters started quickly posting the game’s first goal just three minutes off the opening faceoff and add-

ing their second only a minute later. The Storm then found themselves killing off the games first penalty. Storm goalie Bella Smolen made a beautiful toe save during the penalty kill to keep the Otters lead at two. The Otters would however make it 3-0 scoring with only 30 seconds left in the opening period. Nathan Miscio replaced Smolen to start the second period when illness forced Smolen from the game. The Otters tested Miscio early, but were unable to add to their three goal cushion. There were a few scoring chances by both teams in the second period but neither would find the back of the net allowing the Otters to carry their three goal lead into the final period. The Otters would make it 4-0 quickly in the third, setting the Storm up for a huge uphill battle with time becoming a factor. Defenceman Tim Turner scored the Storm’s first goal of the game and the tournament on an end to end rush on the power play. The Otters would respond with one of their own once again in the last minute of play to take a solid 5-1 win over the Storm in the opening game of the tourney.

Our Storm team faced the Muskoka Rock in Game Two. The Rock scored midway thru the first on a shot that saw the puck just barely cross the goal line. The Rock would get an almost identical second goal near the end of the first followed by their third goal moments later to go into the second period holding a commanding 3-0 lead over the Storm. The Rock pounced quickly on a Storm turnover to make in 4-0 early in the second. The Rock continued to score unanswered, taking a 5-0 lead before the game even reached the halfway mark and ultimately a 7-0 lead to start the third period. The Storm did show a lot of character in the final period playing very hard despite being down by such a large margin keeping the score at 7-0 at the final buzzer against an A division team.

Game three on Sunday was against the South Muskoka Bears. Tyler Martin with some dazzling stick-handling would open the scoring for the Storm. Some sharp saves by goalie Nathan Miscio would keep the Storm in front and some close calls by Storm winger Zach Tompkins almost put our locals up by two. Defenceman Ben Robinson scored the Storm’s second goal early in the middle period on a wrap-around and then Tyler Martin got his second of the game faking the Bears goalie with a nifty little stutter step move to put the Storm up comfortably 3-0. Brendan Coumbs would add to that on the power play scoring on a hard low wrist shot. The Bears finally managed to get one past Miscio on a wraparound near the end of the second period to make it 4-1.

The Storm changed goalies in the final period giving Bella Smolen her first game action since illness forced her from the opening game. The Bears got there second goal a few minutes later to make it 4-2 Storm. The goal rejuvenated the Bears and some good pressure by the Muskoka squad rewarded them with their third goal minutes later to cut the Storms early commanding lead to only one. The Storm caught a break with five minutes to go when the Rock were penalized for too many players on the ice.

Unfortunately in their effort to get the insurance marker the Storm left themselves open to a quick break-out by the Rock who would score shorthanded to tie the game. The Storm almost had the go ahead goal with 90 seconds left but the Bears goaltender made a splendid save sending the game in overtime where the Bears would score their fifth unanswered goal to cap off a dramatic comeback win against the Storm 5-4.

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

Strong showing of condolences paid to Paul Zuwala

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Karl Upton reports that about 52 people had gathered at the West Guilford Community Centre on Jan. 2 for the

annual Upton Christmas party. For the past 20years this family has enjoyed the event over good food, great music (of which Karl and Tammy are a part), potluck of a generous style, and everyone’s company.

We thank the friends who have been so kind with their condolences in the passing of our son-in-law, Paul Zuwala. Beth was gratified by the church full of people on Saturday as the Rev. Val Kerr led the service for us all. Clientele from Beth’s massage therapy work supported her well as did the large numbers from Paul’s musical acquaintanceship.

Euchre news from two weeks ago:

High: Perry Morrison and Liz Jesseman
Low: Ray Campbell and Iris Miscio
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Personal/Professional Characteristics:

Mechanical aptitude, enthusiastic, initiative, service oriented, able to work and make decisions independently, strong problem solving skills, sound judgement in setting and carrying out daily tasks, able to meet deadlines and work well under stress, able to plan and coordinate maintenance and capital projects, able to give and take direction through constructive criticism and direct feedback, detail oriented, flexible, strong written and oral communication skills, and sense of fiscal responsibility.

To Apply:

Please send a resume and cover letter via email, fax or mail by February 5th to the attention of:

Duncan Robertson, Director
Onondaga Camp
544 Eglinton Ave. East
Toronto, Ontario. M4P 1N9
duncan@onondagacamp.com
Fax: 416 482 6237
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*We thank all applicants; however,
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3. Supply washrooms and other common areas with necessary materials and keep track of inventory related cleaning supplies.
4. Assist to ensure that any equipment, protective devices or clothing required by the Camp is used or worn by facilities staff; assist to ensure that staff comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act, The Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) and related regulations.

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650 OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of
Mary "Mina" Miller (nee Hutchings)
Passed away peacefully at Extendicare, Haliburton on Saturday,
January 16, 2016 with her family by her side. In her 82nd year.

Beloved wife of the late Walter Ross Barry and Garfield Edwin Miller.
Dear mother of Bernard Barry (Laurie), Susan Major (Art), Lois
Tingey (Eric), Margaret Hutchinson (Ralph), Ross Barry (Tammy),
Don Miller (Adine) and Lynda (Craig). Loving grandmother of 16
grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild.
Dear sister of Vic and predeceased by George, Garth and Harry.

Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127
Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on
Tuesday, January 19, 2016 from 11:00 am until the time
of the Service to Celebrate Mina's Life at 1:00 pm. Spring
Interment at Maple Lake United Church Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health
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Society would be appreciated by the family.

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In Loving Memory of
Muriel Thurston (nee Kellett)
Passed away peacefully at Extendicare, Haliburton on Sunday,
December 27, 2015 in her 98th year.

Beloved wife of the late Vincent Stafford "Duke" Teatro (1978),
the late Ozzie Osborne, and the late Robert Thurston. Dear mother of
Shirley Lywood (Lloyd - deceased), Jack Teatro (deceased) (Sue Gallant),
Carol Sicard (Gus MacInnes), Bill (Vera) Teatro, Bonnie Charlton (Sam
- deceased), and David Teatro (deceased) (Gail). Loving grandmother of
18 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. Dear sister of Vernon and predeceased by Moss
and Roy. Lovingly remembered by her family and friends.

In accordance to Muriel's wishes, cremation has taken place. A private family interment will
be held at the Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton in the spring
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Memorial Donations to the Extendicare Proud Pioneers
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